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1. SHIMIZU et al., "Production of useful fatty acids by microbial processes," <u>Recent Res. Devel. In Lipids Res.</u>, 1997, vol. 1, pp. 267-286, (XP-001026965).

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement is enclosed.

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